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The Next Congress.
The latest estimates of the next Congress, whether democratic or republican, are conservative. A large majority is not expected by either side. Even those democrats who express confidence in their party's ability to hold the Senate offer figures of moderate size as to the House. Earlier figures of the republicans seem to have been revised, both as to Senate and House. Claims of Senate control are fewer, while those as to the House do not go higher than a majority of twenty.

As the next Congress will have to deal with a number of very important matters now in view, not to mention others which may grow out of the present generally disturbed state of things, control by a narrow margin should work to the good of the country. No matter which party controls, teamwork will be absolutely necessary. No pranking, no experiments with fads, will be in order.

A popular calculation is that continued democratic control will mean a continued obedience of the legislature to the executive branch of the government. But if the majority is small, the executive will have to poll every vote for the measures he presses. A defection would halt him.

Speculation about Mr. Hughes as President is based upon his course in the governorship of New York. As an executive at Albany he made himself the leader of his party, and urged measures on the legislature with much earnestness. The reforms effected during his stay in office were largely his. Still, he did not become known as the master of the legislature.

If he enters the White House we shall probably see him urge measures on Congress in this same way. He will have a program, and want it carried out. But, confronting a small republican majority in Congress, he would have to take it fully into his confidence and provide for teamwork. A defection would halt him.

But a more difficult situation will arise if the democrats keep the presidency and the Senate and lose the House, or the republicans win the presidency and the House and fail to win the Senate. In either event negotiations about everything of value will have to be conducted and compromises effected with rare skill if anything is secured. Progress along some lines will have to be made. Conditions will be such that marking time would entail heavy loss.

The fight for Congress, therefore, is a fight indeed; and those on either side in charge of that feature of the campaign are probably among the busiest men now in action.

It is a little difficult to follow the suggested apprehension that Charles E. Hughes left the Supreme Bench with its conservative training for the express purpose of leading his country into war.

As an evidence that the nation remains true to its ideals, no campaign song has crowded "The Star Spangled Banner" out of its place in the popular repertory.

The numerous Mexican leaders continue to evince a great need of leadership.

Closing in on Rumania.
Gen. Mackensen's success in pushing the Rumanian line beyond Constanza is a serious blow to the Rumanian cause, inasmuch as it gives the Teutons possession of the only port on the Black sea within the territory of King Ferdinand. It also gives them possession of the railway from Constanza through Cernavoda to Bucharest, and thus seriously interrupts the Rumanian communications. This has been the object of the drive through the Dobruja, which, at first advancing rapidly, was then halted for a considerable period and, almost simultaneously with the check of the Teutonic armies in Transylvania, resumed with redoubled energy. This latest advance has been accomplished in four days, and now Rumania is in peril of a simultaneous pressure on both northern and southern fronts with only an outlet to the north into Russia.

Word has come from time to time during the Rumanian campaign of the arrival of Russian reinforcements, but in what number has never been disclosed. It was expected as soon as Rumania declared war that Russia would pour her troops over the border, not merely for the sake of aiding the smaller state, but to begin operations on the southern front in a drive toward Constantinople, the way to which had been closed by Rumania's neutrality. As events have developed, the Russian reinforcements have been inadequate, even to hold the advancing Teuton-Bulgarian line, and now Constanza, which would have been of great value as a port of entry in case of a large Russian movement against Constantinople from the north, has been seized.

own resources are, of course, wholly inadequate to meet the combined assault on both northern and southern fronts. She can expect no mercy at the hand of her conquerors if the Germans, Austrians and Bulgars sweep through her barriers. Her act in joining the war has been regarded at the capitals of the central powers as treacherous. The most intense bitterness prevails toward Rumania today, and if Russia cannot stiffen her lines and hold back her foes she will be swept away.

Strategically the elimination of Rumania would net the central powers nothing of positive advantage over the situation as it prevailed before Rumania entered the war. It would, in fact, somewhat lengthen the actual lines of enemy contact, by the distance of the Rumanian-Russian boundary. Negatively, however, it would be an advantage in closing a possible short cut by Russia into Turkey. Economically it would be advantageous for the central powers in giving them possession of the fertile lands and valuable mineral resources of Rumania.

Stumping and Stumpers.
Mr. Hughes is described as in fine fettle for his last swing around the circle. His spirits are high. He has fallen in love with stumping. The cheering crowds, and the great interest manifested by both men and women serving on reception committees, appeal to him strongly. His voice tires occasionally, but never the man. He is always ready for action.

That was a very sharp and extreme change from the quiet of the courtroom to the hubbub of the hustings. Six years before, it is true, Mr. Hughes had had some experience as a spell-binder, but principally in a local way. Canvassing New York state had not been a "marker" to what he was now confronting. The whole country was before him where to choose, and he must choose judiciously; and after choosing he entered immediately on the glare and excitement of a national campaign.

We see in this the lure of the stump, and from this can appreciate the hold it at, once established and has since maintained on Mr. Bryan. He was but thirty-six when he sprang at a bound into national leadership, and his stumping days on a national scale began. Young, handsome, eloquent and emotional, he was the very man and at the very age for the excitement of travel and the thrills of popular applause. He took to the life like a duck to water. It was his element; and he has not since left it, and never will leave it. The chances are that when he quits the earthly scene—and everybody wishes that time distant—he will leave some speaking engagements unfilled.

And there is Mr. Roosevelt—another Bryan for energy, and for the enjoyment of all that goes with traveling from place to place and stirring up the "boys." He knows the trick, and turns it with ease. Not eloquent after the Bryan order, but often more effective with an audience, Mr. Roosevelt would fade away under a sentence of quiet and inactivity. Like Mr. Bryan, he has become a sort of stump toper. He must have his allowance of excitement if only to steady his nerves.

Well, what better country than this great country for the accommodation of men of this attractive sort? There is elbow-room to begin with. One rolls with ease everywhere, surrounded by all the comforts of home. The people everywhere are hospitable, and particularly to the visitor who brings an interesting message and knows how to deliver it. Long live stumping! When stumpers fail to please we shall be on the down grade, and not far from the bottom.

Congressmen will scarcely get through with election before they will be expected to enter upon one of the liveliest sessions yet known.

The hyphen vote, however much criticized, is not lacking for cordial invitations to affiliate itself.

England will regard Capt. Koenig as a man who got by once, but had better not try it again.

The great objection to the advance of price in coal is that it has so many imitators.

Belgium would unquestionably have saved herself great suffering if she had been too proud to fight.

Japan is offering every assurance of an intention to keep China out of war.

Vacant Lot Farming.

At a meeting of the Mid-City Citizens' Association last night the suggestion was advanced that steps be taken toward the encouragement of vacant lot gardening in Washington as a means of lowering the cost of living in these days of extortionate prices. This is a practical move which should be taken under definite consideration this winter for active work in the spring. It is by no means a new plan, for it has been tried in other cities, with varying success, and some years ago was undertaken here, though not extensively or systematically. In Detroit it was once made the subject of a vigorous campaign by Mayor Pinckney, whose "potato patches" became known throughout the country. Much good was accomplished by that Detroit work, the poor people of the city raising garden crops of large value and materially reducing their living cost. In England, at least before the war, the small garden plots on the outskirts of the towns have for some years been sources of revenue to great numbers of people and from this source alone the always distressing poverty of a large number in that country has been ameliorated.

Washington has many vacant lots on which small gardens could be main-

tained. The neighborhood citizens' associations might readily find opportunity for administrative work in the securing and utilization of these plots. The cultivation of these spaces would in no degree mar the appearance of the city. A well kept vegetable garden would be much more attractive to the eye than the refuse strewn lot awaiting a purchaser. Such a scheme would require organization and system. Probably through the associations would it be best conducted. If during the winter canvass were made by each association of all the available space which might be secured for garden purposes, and a list of all people desirous of cultivating small gardens were prepared, by planting time probably several hundred people would be in a position to start this work with the result of not only a helpful contribution to the family table at low rates, but a healthful occupation for a great number.

Every vacant lot is potentially a waste, and its cultivation is an economic duty. Washington should put these spaces to work, not merely to relieve an immediate market condition, but as a permanent enterprise until the spaces are needed in the development of the city.

An Armor-Piercing Rifle Bullet.

A new army bullet is reported to have been developed and lately tested at Sandy Hook, which does some surprising things. In appearance it is like the ordinary ammunition, but its peculiarity consists in the fact that while the body of it is made of steel it is encased in a covering of lead. This is a reversal of principle of missile making, rifle ammunition heretofore in recent years being made of a lead core with a steel jacket. The purpose of the lead jacket is to serve as a lubricant on striking a steel plate, the covering being ripped from the projectile as it passes through any solid obstruction. In the tests at Sandy Hook these bullets were fired through sheets of steel three-quarters of an inch in thickness, at a range of fifty yards. It is believed that this ammunition will be especially valuable in action against armored motor cars or against troops hiding in houses, and in certain kinds of trenches. Officers who have witnessed the Sandy Hook tests declare that this bullet would be effective against such devices as the British "tanks" lately employed on the Somme front in France. Thus the eternal conflict between armor and projectile continues.

The man who could lift a barrel of flour used to be regarded as a wonder. Now he is doing very well if he can raise the price.

The auditor who heckles Col. Roosevelt may expect prompt classification as one of those who rush in where angels fear to tread.

The price that staggers humanity continues to be paid in Europe to demonstrate that neither side is able to go forward or willing to retreat.

Villa has at least facilitated pursuit to the extent of dispelling all doubt as to where he is.

Your true heckler counts it a disgrace to be numbered with the silent vote.

The mercantile submarine is not a reliable round trip proposition.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Element of Uncertainty.

"How do you think your state is going next election?"

"We're going to have a walkover," replied Senator Sorghum. "But I'm not quite sure which of us is going to get walked on."

Supply and Demand.

"You believe in the law of supply and demand?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "I can trust to nature for the demand, but when it comes to supply, I want to be one of the fellows who make the law."

Purely Mercenary.

The wintry blast I do not fear. I'll boldly face the blizzard's roar, But how I shudder when I hear The coal pushed through the furnace door.

Tune Weary.

"Why do people always talk about the weather?"

"I don't know," replied Miss Cayenne. "But I wouldn't discourage them. I'm always grateful when somebody is content to talk instead of breaking out and singing something about a perfect day."

Disappointment.

"What made the man kill the goose who laid the golden egg?"

"I can only guess at it. Maybe food was costing so much that he got resentful because the bird kept handing him old metal instead of regular eggs."

Rolling Along.

Dis world goes travellin' thoo de sky, Rollin' along— It keeps on a-goin' an' we don't know why, Singin' a song.

We lift our voices an' we has our say, An' we gets excited on election day; But de world don't notice an' it goes its way. Rollin' along.

De world is happy an' de world is sad, Rollin' along— It's good when you's lucky; when you's a-talkin' it's bad, Travellin' strong. When folks git to scoldin' an' a-talkin' rash, You feels it wobble an' you waits foh de crash. But she turns a corner an' dar ain't no smash. Rollin' along.

Woodward & Lothrop

New York WASHINGTON Paris

MORE NEW APPAREL.

SUITS OF INDIVIDUAL STYLE, \$25 AND \$35.

These bright, crisp autumn days emphasize fall suit needs, and choosing a suit is of no small moment—model, material and trimmings must be authentic or one will fall short of the desired newness that typifies correct fall fashions.

Many new models have just arrived, which will serve to heighten the interest, as one always wants the very "latest."

Every Tailor-made Suit that enters into this showing has been chosen with care, discriminating in selecting the favored fashions.



WOMEN'S SUITS, \$25

We have twelve distinctive models.

The materials are gabardine, poplin, broadcloth, wool velour and "men's wear" serge.

The colors are navy, brown, green and black.

The trimmings are velvet, fur, buttons and the new inset effects.

The models are the newest and are varied in style, lending much interest to the showing at this attractive price.

\$4.50 the pair.

NOVELTY NET CURTAINS, in a variety of fancy weaves, and Plain Net Curtains with neat lace edge trimmings.

\$2.75 to \$8.50 pair.

SWISS POINT AND DUCHESS LACE CURTAINS, in white and ivory tones; a variety of well selected designs.

\$4.50 to \$15.00 pair.

TAMBOUR NET CURTAINS and Brussels Net Curtains; a wide range for choice.

\$5.00 to \$18.00 pair.

LACET ARABIAN CURTAINS—In these are found some of the most desirable effects ever shown.

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Fourth floor, G street.

Other Suits, lavishly trimmed with fur or handsomely tailored and trimmed to accommodate the separate fur sets; many exclusive models.

\$45.00 to \$225.00.

AFTERNOON DRESSES AT \$35.00

Many of the prettiest and newest models showing the graceful surplice effect, coat models, straight plaiting from the yoke—many fancy shaped tunics—in fact, just the most attractive collection of the smartest models representing the most authoritative designers. Many are beaded and embroidered in striking contrasting colors, some effectively trimmed with fur, others elaborately trimmed with fancy buttons.

The materials are charmeuse, Georgette crepe, crepe de chine and combinations of Georgette crepe and charmeuse.

The colors are navy, burgundy, brown, taupe, plum, green and black.

An extensive collection of other Afternoon Gowns,

\$29.50 to \$95.00.

EVENING GOWNS AT \$29.50.

This collection includes Very Attractive Evening Gowns from those elaborately trimmed and generously treated with tulle and chiffon to the conservative clinging evening gown of Georgette crepe, with a simple touch of ribbon. They are of soft taffeta, tulle over silver, taffeta and silver lace combinations and Georgette crepe. An interesting range of evening shades and white.

A most pleasing array of Elaborate Evening Gowns—many exclusive models. These show stunning combinations of metal cloth, sequins, silver and gold laces and brocades and velvets.

\$35.00 to \$135.00.

SERGE DRESSES FOR WOMEN & MISSES.

We are constantly replenishing our large stocks with new models, many of which show interesting style innovations. Some are treated with elaborate embroidered designs, others more appropriately designed for street wear. Each model is most pleasing and made on most becoming lines.

\$16.50 to \$39.50.

LONG COATS AT \$29.50.

Long Full Flare or Belted Coats of plain or novelty velour, broadcloth and ripple cloth; large, convertible coats; some fur trimmed. An unusually attractive collection at this price.

HANDSOME BOLIVIA CLOTH COATS, \$55.

So appropriate for motoring and street wear—of soft, luxurious and ultra-fashionable Bolivia cloth. There are several models, and a wealth of rich colors.

Owing to the importance of the Stylish Long Coat this season we have an unprecedented collection of styles, materials and colorings, appropriate for any occasion.

\$45.00 to \$185.00.

AUTUMN BLOUSE MODES

Silk Blouses are the choice of the average woman; silks combined with Georgette crepe are pretty; Georgette Crepe and Taffeta are favorite combinations; some are braided and some are embroidered; solid colors and two-color harmonies; tailored, semi-tailored and dress effects.

Georgette Crepe, \$5.75 to \$12.50.

Crepe de Chine, \$3.25 to \$7.50.

Taffeta, \$3.95 to \$7.50.

Pussy Willow Silk, \$6.00.

Plaid and Striped Silk, \$5.75 to \$7.50.

Black Peau de Sole, Black and White Hairline Striped and Plain Gray Silk Blouses in styles for matronly women and those in mourning; convertible collars and long sleeves.

\$3.95 to \$5.75.

Beautiful Black Lace Blouses, made over a white chiffon foundation, giving the fashionable and dignified black and white scheme; handsomely trimmed with velvet and chenille; dainty cuffs and large flat collars.

\$5.75 to \$16.75.

DRESS AND SEMI-DRESS SKIRTS

They boast of many originalities in model and are of the most fashionable silks and other materials.


Dress Skirts of Georgette Crepe, Satin, Failla Silk, Chiffon Broadcloth, Black Velvet, Fur Cloth, Imperial Velour and Taffeta. They are in full plaited, side plaited, plain, draped and pannier styles; some have touches of embroidery and fur trimming.

The prices range from \$10.00 to \$35.00.

Semi-Dress Skirts of black and navy blue serge, wool poplin, chudda cloth, gabardine and broadcloth; full plaited, side plaited and plain styles; original yoke and panel effects.

The prices range from \$5.75 to \$19.75.

Third floor, G street.



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In the Woodward & Lothrop
Auditorium tomorrow, Wednesday, beginning 3:30. Special program. All invited.

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In the Largest Variety of Designs.

Each year the variety of designs in popular-priced window curtains grows larger. It is no mistake to say that ours are more tasteful and effective than ever before. They combine good wearing quality with newness to a remarkable degree.

The items described below will go far toward improving the appearance of the windows and the room, and give to your home the distinction of being well furnished, even before entrance.

CLUNY NET CURTAINS, some with insertion and edge trimmings and others with edging only, priced from \$2.00 to \$16.50 pair. These are made of splendid quality net, in white and ecru. An especially attractive Cluny Net Curtain is trimmed with lace insertion and edge; 2½ yards long.

\$4.50 the pair.

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VOILE AND MARQUISETTE CURTAINS, some with edge and insertion trimming and others with edge only; also those with lace and embroidered motifs, medallions and braidings, in many attractive designs; 2½ and 3 yards long.

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HEMSTITCHED VOILE AND MARQUISETTE CURTAINS, both in 2½-yard lengths; the marquisette with Dutch valance and the voile plain.

Marquisette, \$1.50 pair; Voile, \$1.00 pair.

NOVELTY MARQUISETTE CURTAINS—A novelty finished mercerized marquisette curtain, with silk hemstitching; ecru, cream and white; 2½ yards long.

\$1.75 the pair.

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\$1.75 the pair.

Fourth floor, G street.

LARGE DISPLAYS OF NEW CRETONNES.

Every one interested in the beautification of the home is invited to inspect the large displays of Cretonnes which we have here and note the charming arrangements of which the many designs and colors are capable, a few of which are portrayed by the suggestions and made-up ideas. Besides their decorative qualities they are also the foundation of many pretty art needlework novelties and for practical bags of many kinds.

In our stock we have what are strictly known as Cretonnes, also Chintzes, Taffeta Cloths, Linen Taffetas, Figured Repps and Fancy Tickings—a really vast and unusual collection. The patterns run into the hundreds and embrace every possible theme from the daintiest old-fashioned and flower-garden effects to the bold and striking and elegant period designs.

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Fourth floor, G street.

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The widest variety of cuttings, shapes, sizes and prices is shown here. A large table has been arranged, showing Vases exclusively, among them some of the most artistic we have ever shown. Cuttings include Diamond, Poinsettia, Breslin, Apollo, Amethyst, Floral, Floral-and-miter and All-miter Corset, square and cylinder shapes are particularly effective; the trumpet and flare shapes have many admirers and there are scores of fancy shapes limited to one of a kind. Cuttings that run perpendicularly through the center of vase and horizontally at top and base are exceptionally rich.

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Displayed in an individual section in the Linen Department, with special fixtures made expressly for the purpose.

Every woman will treasure Linens of this kind—Nearly all of them have been patiently worked by hand, the laces being handmade and the embroidery handworked.

We suggest selections for Christmas be made now; they also make exclusive Wedding Presents.

INCLUDED IN THE ASSORTMENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

Hand-embroidered Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Luncheon Sets, Sheets, Bedspreads and Pillowcases. Handmade Cluny Lace Table Covers, Tea Cloths, Centerpieces, Scarfs, Shams, Luncheon Sets and Separate Doilies, some with hand embroidery.

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